TOWN OF AMHERST TOWN/COMMERCIAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, October 19, 2006 Town Room, Town Hall

Present: TCRC members Leslie Arriola, Ira Bryck, Gloria Chang-Wade, Leigh Dunlap, Jerry Jolly, Barry Roberts; Amherst Planning Department Director Jonathan Tucker

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

The Committee was informed that the Select Board adopted the TCRC proposal for Holiday Parking.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Committee reviewed Warrant Article 11 which is to be brought before the Special Town Meeting on October 30, 2006. Article 11 considers rezoning certain properties on Main and High Street (R-G and/or COM to B-VC).

After substantial review and discussion, the Committee reached consensus as follows:

RE: Main and High Street Rezoning - Warrant Article 11

RECOMMENDATION: To make the maximum zoning changes to make as much of the area to be zoned B-VC to prevent intense use and to encourage better uses of the buildings.

A motion was made by Ira Bryck, seconded by Jerry Jolly and unanimously voted to send this recommendation to the Planning Board.

- 2. The Committee discussed Warrant Article #10, the creation of an Agricultural Commission and its role in economic development. No recommendations were made at that time.
- 3. New TCRC members: Jerry will contact Bruce Carson and Barry will contact Margaret Roberts to invite them to become members. Leslie will contact the Select Board to find out how we can facilitate the approval of new members.

The meeting closed at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Arriola.